

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS IN IOWA 2000-2009

Calendar Year	Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
2000	68,858	82,356	827,441	12,130	8,648	17,979	86,909	1,104,321
2001	73,107	85,466	786,191	14,109	9,698	18,775	92,980	1,080,326
2002	75,615	87,921	783,273	14,253	7,803	17,019	92,550	1,078,434
2003	74,784	87,007	763,335	14,068	8,184	16,446	92,355	1,056,179
2004	72,658	87,844	746,020	14,009	8,772	16,108	96,786	1,042,197
2005	71,723	89,858	725,036	14,756	9,215	15,742	98,108	1,024,438
2006	73,210	80,901	784,945	14,443	9,883	15,359	105,073	1,083,814
2007	74,532	84,577	739,239	13,165	10,058	14,763	107,540	1,043,874
2008	76,867	82,570	709,170	12,179	10,600	14,684	116,334	1,022,404
2009	82,524	83,817	717,389	11,954	11,190	14,360	110,947	1,032,181
% Change 2000-2009	19.8%	1.8%	- 13.3%	- 1.5%	29.4%	- 20.1%	27.7%	- 6.5%
% change excluding simp msds								13.7%
% Change 2008-2009	7.4%	1.5%	1.2%	- 1.8%	5.6%	- 2.2%	- 4.6%	1.0%
% change excluding simp msds								0.5%

Notes:

- 1) Table data updated October 28, 2010.
- 2) Civil filings include civil contract and personal injury cases over \$5,000, domestic relations, real property, mortgage foreclosures, and small claims appeals. The data does not include civil actions identified as: distress warrants, foreign judgments, liens, seized property hearings, and transcripts of judgment.
- 3) Serious criminal filings include felonies and serious and aggravated misdemeanors.
- 4) Simple misdemeanor filings include mostly state traffic violations, plus other simple misdemeanors.
- 5) Juvenile filings include juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance (CINA), family in need of assistance (FINA), and parental notification cases. The data does not include juvenile commitment cases.
- 6) MH/SA commitment filings are juvenile and adult mental health (MH) or substance abuse (SA) hospitalization/commitment cases filed.
- 7) The Judicial Branch stopped including contempt actions and probation revocations with "filings" on July 1, 2006, which accounts for most of the reduction in criminal filings in 2006. The 2007 and 2008 data include probation revocations in criminal filings. Data for contempt filings are included in civil and small claims filings in 2007 and 2008.
- 8) Total filings decreased by 7.4% between CY 2000 and CY 2008. However, if simple misdemeanor filings are excluded, total filings increased by 13.1% during that time period.
- 9) Total filings decreased by 2.1% between CY 2007 and CY 2008. However, if simple misdemeanor filings are excluded, total filings increased by 2.8% during that time period.

Source: Iowa Judicial Branch